

CHRISTMAS CARD REMINDER



Camp Yukita

Santa's Visit

Activities financed by your Christmas card donations.

Now is the time to mark your calendar as a reminder to buy your next year's Christmas cards from the Toledo Society For The Blind. A brand new selection will be available for your inspection by early August. If you wish, sign and return the enclosed card now (no obligation of course) and we will send you the samples as soon as they are available.

As in years past, the Society's cards need cost you no more than you usually spend, yet they mean so very much to so very many people. Friends receiving these attractive cards appreciate your extra thoughtfulness. The money we receive is used to finance the many special family activities for the blind that cannot be budgeted from the amount received from the United Appeal. Activities that include the summer camp, family nights, help for blind bowlers, and Santa Claus's annual visit to our blind children.

It is important to remember, too, that you are never charged or invoiced for the cards you order. We only ask that you make a contribution to the Society for whatever amount you wish. Your contribution is tax deductible.

Student Nurse Training Now Includes Tour of Society Facilities

One of the brightest spots of our week occurs each Monday morning as four young student nurses arrive for a tour of the Society. The girls are from the current class of 87 students at the St. Vincent School of Nursing. The purpose of their visit, which is a programmed part of each nurse's training, is to become familiar with the methods and facilities used by the Society for sightsaving and rehabilitation of the blind. Nearly all of our city schools of nursing include Society tours as part of their training curriculum.



Left to right, Lyle Kirk, Executive Director, explains "Operation Lazy Eye," part of the Society's sightsaving program for area pre-schoolers to student nurses: Karen Krietemeyer, Martha Schroeder, Julie O'Connel, and Judy Perrin.

CIVIC AND INDUSTRIAL LEADERS JOIN WITH SHRINE CHANTERS TO WISH BLIND A MERRY CHRISTMAS



Toastmaster
ARNOLD PAGE

Each year the annual Christmas Party for our blind community sponsored by our local Lions Club, seems to grow bigger and better. This last season's event was no exception. Nearly 300 were in attendance as Toastmaster Arnold Page led the evening's entertaining program.

The Zenobia Shrine Chanters gave forth with their usual musical gusto and special guest, Mrs. Jane Kuebbeler, surprised all with a very special Christmas present. Without accompaniment she sang one of the most beautiful arrangements of "Greensleeves" we have ever heard.

The evening closed with dancing and presents for all.



Special Guest
JANE KUEBBELER



Approximately 300 blind people attended the Christmas party.



The Shrine Chanters provided their usual fine entertainment to help make the evening a great success.

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BLIND TO SHARE TALKING BOOKS WITH OTHER DISABLED

About Money and Wills



John Goerlich

OCCASIONALLY, at the Society, we receive one of those wonderful telephone calls from a local attorney asking the legal name of the Society for listing on the will of one of his clients. We are always quick to reply. Our full and legal name is (I hope you make a note of this) "Toledo Society For The Blind, Inc."

There is little need to tell you how much this means to us. Our community's need for the Society's programs is clear. Even more important, because blindness is closely related to old age, this need is growing as our life spans increase. More people will become blind each year than in the last.

As your Society President, however, I must admit I feel a little remorse when gifts willed after death are finally received. Not that the money is not always welcome, but more because we have little way of expressing our appreciation to those responsible. How much nicer it would be for both the giver and for us if he were here to see the good his gift was accomplishing.

Of course, as Lyle Kirk, our Executive Secretary always points out, whether a gift is given now or willed to the Society, the donor can rest assured it will do much to serve the visually handicapped of the Toledo area.

John Goerlich,
President

TOLEDO SOCIETY EXPANDS LOCAL PROGRAM TO MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS.

"A wonderful son, a lovely daughter and a hatful of grandchildren have been my only object in life," wrote one man. "Now I can add your wonderful talking books which have helped me to dispel the lonely hours."

This letter, and hundreds of others now pouring into the offices of blind service organizations, are the result of the extension of the beloved Talking Book service to all who through temporary or permanent disability are unable to hold a book or turn the pages.

Until just this year, the talking book service has been limited to the blind and visually handicapped. Now, thanks to a new law from Congress and those people whose generous support has enabled The Toledo Society For The Blind to expand its local program, hundreds of additional people suffering from other types of disabilities can receive this service.

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Mrs. Grace Whitmire (left), Columbus, Ohio, State Supervisor of Talking Book Programs and Mrs. Clarence Crandall, our local chairman, inspect a recorded copy of the new "Reader's Digest" during a recent inventory at Society headquarters.

THE SIGN POST

BY
DOROTHEA LUMM MANN



After six months of retirement from active business employment, I can say, in all sincerity, I'm for it. When I first decided that I would take the early retirement age, some of my friends, knowing that I had been a busy "gal" for many years, advised against it. "You'll be bored," they said. But I toyed with the idea for a long time, like a cat with a mouse—almost afraid it would get away from me. I wanted time to do things which I never had time for before—things which would give me pleasure and a sense of accomplishment; there were finishing touches I wished to make to a picture of a rather average life before offering it to the "Great Artist" for evaluation.

It seems that many folks have the idea that retirement means an end to active, purposeful living. How wrong this can be!

Time away from routine business affords more time for cherished hopes and hobbies—and for the much more lofty opportunity to be of help to others. We can enrich the precious days left to us by asking ourselves:

Is there some talent, with a little polishing, that I might use to bring sunshine to others?

Is there a hobby I enjoy which I might share? (A joy shared is doubly pleasurable, you know.)

Has life blessed me in a monetary way? Time now to think how I might use a portion of this to bring some good to others not so fortunate.

For me, many answers to these questions have been supplied by the Toledo Society For The Blind. From early childhood, I've found a special joy in writing and in sharing the simple everyday happenings of life with those for whom I feel love and concern. With the help of the Society, I now correspond regularly with more than 100 new found—blind—friends who I know, from their replies, appreciate the little time and effort involved. For me, this humble medium of expression has brought a new dimension into my life and multiplied by one hundred fold my own joy of retirement.

This same joy has been found by the many other Society volunteers involved in our office work, home visiting programs, pre-school eye screening programs, hobby clubs, transporting the blind to doctors and grocery stores, and yes, even a wonderful group that trims our Society's windows.

Yes, retirement can be a challenge—a two-way blessing—if we want to make it that way. Life is not at an end. There is work to do! We'd love to hear from you!

LIONS CLUB MEETING



Special guest, Art Edgerton (left) who was recently honored as "Outstanding Handicapped American of the Year" by Vice President Hubert Humphrey; with Lions Club members Dave Smith, Bob Miller, John Hensien, and Don Peatee.

Special Guests—Tour of Facilities Highlight Annual Affair

Once each year, the Lions Club of Toledo has its monthly luncheon meeting at the Society's headquarters on Canton Ave. The Lions are, of course, known both locally and nationally for their contributions to the blind and the blind service organizations.

The purpose of this year's visit was to acquaint the new members with the Society's facilities and to hear a progress report on the blind activities from Society president and fellow Lions Club member, John Goerlich.



Guests Chris Regas and Paul Englemann, representing the United Appeal, enjoy the informal buffet luncheon served prior to the meeting. Standing behind Mr. Englemann are John Hensien and George Benford.



Society social worker Virgil Hahn explains work of industrial division to Neil Mootz. The seeing eye dog in foreground belongs to one of our industrial employees.



Lions Carl Bristch, Bill Marti, Frank Comte, Ervin Peters, Don Peatee chat with Dick Henry, foreman of the Industrial Division, during Society tour.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE BLIND PLAY IMPORTANT PART IN TOTAL REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.

Among the more important segments of the Society's total rehabilitation and mobility training programs are the group activities organized and supervised by our staff. The reasons are, of course, to help supply the means and the motivations to return to as near a normal life as possible. The success of these activities is partly evidenced by the photographs taken at a recent Family Night gathering in our own Society building. Attendance at these regular monthly get-togethers frequently exceeds 100 and offers our blind community one of the few real "nights out" the whole family can enjoy.

Some of the other activities conducted by the Society are shown on our May schedule, reprinted below:

MAY CALENDAR

- 3-10-24-31—Card Classes—All Purpose Room—1 P.M.
- 4—Workers Breakfast—Dining Room—7:20 A.M.
- 5—Lions Information Luncheon—Dining Room—12 Noon
- 5-6-7—St. Lucy Society Retreat—Carey, Ohio
- 5-12-19-26—A. A. Meetings—Dining Room—8 P.M.
- 6—Skating—Fun Spot Arena—8 to 10:30 P.M.
- 9—Wanna Know Club—Dining Room—7:30 P.M.
- 11—Progressive Club—Bingo Party—VSG will serve—7:30 P.M.
- 12-19-26—Summer Bowling—Bowl-O-Drome—6 P.M.
- 15—Council of the Blind—Dinner 75¢—Dining Room—6 P.M.
- 16—Parents Toledo Area Blind Children—Dining Room—8 P.M.
- 16—Parents Low Vision Children—All Purpose Room—8 P.M.
- 17—Hobby Club—All Purpose Room—4 P.M.
- 17—Advisory Meeting—Director's Office—5 P.M.
- 17—FAMILY NIGHT DINNER—Recreation Room—6 P.M.
- 18—Visual Service Guild—Billyle Supper Club—1 P.M.
- 18—Indoor Sports—Business Meeting—Rec. Room—7:30 P.M.
- 20—Toledo Blind Bowlers—Dining Room—2:30 P.M.
- 20—Card Club—Dining Room—6 P.M.
- 23—Happy Times—Recreation Room—1 to 3 P.M.
- 24—Open Social Club—Business Meeting—Rec. Room—7 P.M.
- 25—Progressive Club—Special Party—St. Francis de Sales High School—2323 W. Bancroft—7:30 P.M.

Special Coming Events

- JUNE 14—Progressive Club Picnic—Toledo Beach—10 A.M.
For transportation, call Mrs. Snow 243-8239
- 17—Card Club—Chartered Boat on Maumee River—7 to 10 P.M.
- 21—FAMILY NIGHT PICNIC—Toledo Zoo—3 to 7 P.M. Dinner at 5.
- JULY 19—FAMILY NIGHT PICNIC—Cedar Point—Bus leaves Society at 10 A.M.—Depart from Cedar Point at 6:30 P.M.
- AUG. 21 thru
- SEPT. 2—Camp Yukita—Catawba Island—Port Clinton

Right, Mr. William Thomas, prominent Toledo attorney and past president of the Toledo Board of Education was the after dinner speaker at one of our recent Family Night programs.



Virgil Hahn, Society social worker, leads group in community sing.

TALKING BOOK (Continued from Page 1)

GROWING NUMBER OF BOOKS AVAILABLE

At present there are some 10,000 titles available for loan. About 400 new recordings were added last year to introduce current books and replace those worn out or no longer in demand. Book themes range from westerns, mysteries, and spy stories to classical and modern literature, archeology, biography, history, science, music, and space explorations. Among the 30 periodicals also available are magazines of broad popular interest (Reader's Digest, Look, National Geographic, etc.) as well as others devoted to chess, fashions, hobbies, teenage fiction, home planning, and world events.

The recording and free distribution of these talking books and the special machines required for their use was originally established in the Library of Congress some 30 odd years ago. Since that time the program has spread through 34 regional libraries and 54 machine lending agencies.

NEED TO DOUBLE

In Toledo, the talking book program is serviced by The Toledo Society For The Blind with special volunteer help in machine maintenance furnished by the Telephone Pioneers Club, an organization of retired telephone company employees. Mrs. Clarence Crandall, our Talking Book chairman, reports The Toledo Society For The Blind has over 640 talking book machines in use in the Greater Toledo Area at this time and that this number is expected to at least double after the new program gains momentum.

The Toledo Society will gladly furnish assistance to anyone, regardless of economic situation, who wishes to apply for a talking book service. To be eligible, applicants need only submit evidence of sufficient disability in the form of a statement from a doctor or other competent authority.